## 1 December 2005 Questions and Answers

Q: Is the deadline for algorithms/software initial white papers December 16, 2005? Will you accept initial white papers after this date? After review of the algorithm/software white paper will the government down select and make award for a concept design/study proposal, such as with the robotic arm?

A: The intended "target date" for algorithms/software initial white papers is December 16, 2005 as indicated in the slides presentation on Industry Day. However, we will accept initial white papers after December 16, 2005. The formal proposals, however, submitted in response to acknowledged NRL interest in the algorithms/software white paper, must be received by March 3, 2006. If the initial white paper is submitted after December 16, 2005, take into account that the review process to identify NRL interest may take several days. The government will not make awards for a concept design/study proposal for algorithms/software. For all technologies other than the robotic arm, the generic BAA guidelines apply rather than those in the arm-specific amendment.

Q: Does the 15 page limit include a Cover Page and Table of Contents or are these outside the page count limit?

A: The proposal is limited to 15 pages of <u>content</u> that the proposal will be evaluated against. It is permissible to have extra pages for a Cover Page and Table of Contents but any material past the 15 pages will not be considered in the evaluation process.